

I am a concerned citizen writing to express my opinion that the FCC should not loosen the rules limiting media ownership. It seems to be universally held that a truly healthy democracy needs a diversity of voices in the public forum. Being that our national airwaves are today's public forum, the FCC --as steward of that forum-- has an obligation to maintain in it an environment which is non-exclusive. The field is already dominated by a handful of powerful corporations with sometimes conflicted interests. I strongly believe that the free media envisioned by the founders was meant to be free from the controlling urges of those with power, be it political or economic. Loosening the media-ownership rules will only further aggravate the problem by allowing the few remaining independent voices to be silenced because they simply can not compete in the profit-driven world of corporate media. In my opinion, that would represent a dereliction of duty by the FCC. Thank you for your consideration.